Utilisation of Funds for Bogibeel Bridge

401. DR. PRABIN CHANDRA SARMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds allocated for survey of Bogibeel bridge are being utilised for the purpose;

(b) the manner in which the cost of construction of Bogibeel bridge is likely to be shared among different beneficial agencies;

(c) whether C.C.E.A. has accorded its approval; and

(d) if not, the progress made in this regard, so far ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The cost of construction of the bridge is proposed to be shared by the Ministry of Railways and Ministry of Surface Transport.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

International Children Film Festival at Hyderabad

402. SHRI G.A. CHARAN REDDY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Hyderabad has been chosen as the permanent venue for holding the international children's film festival every year; and

(b) if so, the time by which the 10 th International Film Festival for children and young people is likely to be held?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) Yes, Sir. The festival is held once in two years.

(b) The 10th International Film Festival for children and young people is being held at Hyderabad from 14th to 23rd November, 1997.

Bagha Chitauni Broad Gauge Line

403. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether 28 mk. Stretch of Bagha Chitauni broad gauge line under the North-Eastern Railway was approved in April, 1974 with a budget of 6.74 crores;

(b) whether the above project was to be commissioned in April, 1994 with revised budgetary estimate of Rs. 164.09 crores;

(c) if so, the reasons for the delay in commissioning of above project and the justifications therefor; and

(d) the time by which the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The rail line has been commissioned. The road bridge superstructure work is being taken up now since the co-sharers Viz U.P. , Bihar and Ministry of Water Resources have just paid their share.

(d) The rail bridge has been commissioned. The road bridge is likely to be completed by December 99.

Air Service from Kangra Airport

404. SHRI G. M. BANATWALLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been no air service from the Kangra airport (Himachal Pradesh) for the last one year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps that are being taken or proposed to be taken to restore flights from Kangra airport ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATRAJAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Kangra airport is suitable for turbo-prop aircraft only. The Dornier aircraft available in the Indian Airlines fleet are already committed to operatiing in the North-Eastern region and Lakshadweep. Private operators are being encouraged to include new stations such as Kangra in their network, subject to viability.

Air Cargo Hub

405. SHRI MAHESH KUMAR M. KANODIA :
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA :
DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether a clearance has been given for an international air cargo hub and subsequently the same has been cancelled;

(b) if so, the circumstances that made the Secretary of the Ministry to issue a clearance and the reasons for cancelling the same; and

(c) if so, whether any further guidelines have been prepared in dealing with such cases in future ?